

The Green Book Master Resource

What is this project?

Simply, it is the most complete (digital) archive of Green Books that has ever existed.

Over the last several years, Scott Jackson, DC, has created a personal digital archive of a host of historic chiropractic literature. He established a Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156467253900780>) that allowed chiropractic history buffs and bibliophiles to witness his process of digitizing our profession's foundational texts, known as the Green Books.

Scott used the CZUR ET24 Pro book scanner to do this and edited the files in ScanTailor Advanced.

Scott was using the Green Book Master List found in Faulkner, Foley, and Senzon's text, Palmer Chiropractic Green Books: The Definitive Guide, (www.institutechiro.com/product/palmer-chiropractic-green-books) in order to attempt to collect every edition of every Green Book.

Why this project?

The idea behind collecting every edition of every book was so that he could track changes, developments, and ideas across different editions of each Green Book.

Trying to do this with the physical books was difficult and cumbersome so Scott decided he would digitise every book in order to make them searchable PDFs and accessible everywhere. This allowed side-by-side comparison using multiple instances of Adobe Acrobat. It also meant that the scans were an **exact replica** of the physical book – no changes. Any mistakes in the original text are replicated in the scan; nothing has been tampered with or amended. The only addition to these books is: (1) the 'archived and distributed by' page found at the start of each book and (2) if an item was found inside the book (for example, a 'Personal From B.J.' in Evolution or Revolution) it was also scanned and added either at the beginning or the end of the text.

We hope that this project will benefit researchers, educators, and students in the field of Chiropractic, potentially fostering new insights into the development of chiropractic theory and practice.

How did the project evolve?

As Scott's personal collection expanded and became more comprehensive, Dr Russell Goff reached out to Scott about his plans for distributing these texts given copyright restrictions. As the project started as a personal tool, Scott hadn't considered distribution deeply, however, the idea of giving access to chiropractic historians to efficiently track changes, developments, and ideas was appealing. Scott's goal was not financial; he simply aimed to make a significant impact on the profession within the bounds of copyright laws and regulations.

With the knowledge that Scott was committed to advancing the profession, Russell delved into the books, learning about the public domain and the various changes to copyright law over the years. By the time Russell began his exploration, Scott had amassed over 48,000 pages of archived books. Russell's challenge was to determine which pages were public access and which were still under copyright protection.

Summary of Russell's findings:

- * Books published before 1928 are in the public domain, as they exceed the 95-year copyright timeline established by the Sonny Bono Copyright Act.

- * Books published between the Copyright Act of 1909 and the Copyright Act of 1976 initially had a 28-year copyright term, requiring a 28-year renewal for extended protection. Those that filed for renewal were granted an extension to 75 years with the Copyright Act of 1976.

- * The Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act further extended this 75-year coverage to 95 years.

- * Any publication copyrighted after 1964 received automatic renewal and is thus covered by the Copyright Act of 1976 and the Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act.

* Upon examining the laws, it was found that 99% of the digitized Green Books were already in the public domain and were no longer under copyright protection.

The Delta Sigma Chi Chiropractic Fraternity approached Scott Jackson with an offer to purchase the rights for the digital distribution of the Green Books that are in the public domain. This monetary contribution helped cover the costs of the equipment and contribute towards the hundreds of hours Scott dedicated to creating such a comprehensive library of digitally preserved chiropractic history.

A huge thank you goes to Sherman College of Chiropractic for their unwavering support for this project, especially in their efforts researching the copyright laws surrounding these works.

How many books are there?

Scott has digitised, all-in-all, 103 Green Books on the Green Book Master List. These are all fully searchable PDFs.

Currently, of the 103 digitised, 43 Green Books have been completely edited (25/09/24).

Editing

The editing process is arduous and tedious (and that is putting it lightly!) Scott literally edits **every. single. page.** of every book. This takes a very long time but the result is incredible. Scott ideally wanted all of these edited completely, looking clean, standardised, and de-warped, before releasing them. However, this simply isn't a sensible approach as we'd be waiting for years for this to be completed given the sheer volume of pages. The content itself is totally useable in the state it's been scanned in, despite not being the most aesthetically-pleasing.

We currently have 43 volumes edited completely (25/09/2024). You will find all the remaining books ready to download and use, fully searchable etc. but not yet edited. These have "temp" added to their filenames. As and when these get edited completely, these temp files will be replaced with the newly edited file.

What's missing?

In the Green Book Master List, there are six books listed as “suspected” to exist but nobody knows if they actually exist. Needless to say, these aren’t scanned here.

GBMNs 1, 2, 4, 6, 10*, 11, 12, 17, 37, 40, 61, 63, 67 are volumes Scott does not have. They are also extremely rare. Some of these have been digitised by Google and you can find them with a simple search. They are not included here because they were not scanned by me. There is a plan in place to have some of these scanned and added to the collection in the near future.

This means there are 13 known-to-exist books to be added.

There are also currently 4 books on the list that we are not able to share due to having a copyright after 1964 (GBMN 114, 115, 116, 118).

*GBMN 10 hasn’t been scanned, though the 1988 Parker reprint of GBMN 10 has been.

What's been added?

We’ve added a few extra texts in there that aren’t strictly defined as Green Books but are peripheral, for example: The Evolution of Chiropractic by Dye; ‘Round The World with B.J. Palmer; Radio Salesmanship; Stepping Stones by Mabel Palmer; An Exposition of Old Moves; and Shall Chiropractic Survive?

Why is it free?

It is a gift to the profession! We believe that the profession should have access to this wealth of knowledge and that these historical items need to be preserved.

If you feel you’d like to donate something to Scott for his time and effort in sourcing, scanning, and editing these books, you can send them to his PayPal at www.paypal.me/sj1765 though there is zero expectation for you to do this.

What can you do?

We want this resource to be utilised, so firstly, download it in its entirety and actually use it!

Secondly, please share this resource with someone – tell people about its existence! The easiest way to share it is to send people to www.thegreenbooks.co.uk.

Thirdly, please give us feedback. Identify areas for improvement and inform future enhancements to the archive's content, functionality, and accessibility. As D.D. Palmer wrote in his 1910 book, ***“...it is not only a pleasure, but a duty to correct mistakes as fast as they are known to us. We are not above making mistakes.”*** We couldn't agree more. Please contact Scott at scottderrickjackson@gmail.com if you notice any,

Do you have one of the GBMNs listed that we haven't digitised? If so, can you help us add this to the resource? If so, contact Scott at scottderrickjackson@gmail.com.

What's next?

With the advent of AI and LLMs, we hope that these texts will be able to be integrated with AI so that people can converse with the material, offering further insights into their valuable content.

How do I use this resource?

Although you could literally just use each PDF as a book to read, there are also other ways of being able to search the entire Resource for particular terms or phrases. Please follow this link for a short YouTube tutorial on this process or watch the video in this archive folder: <https://youtu.be/Syj2mceBp5g>